

NEW ISSUE - BOOK-ENTRY ONLY

See “Book-Entry Only System” under THE BONDS

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, subject to compliance with certain tax covenants, interest on the Bonds is not includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions. Interest on the Bonds will not be an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations and will not be taken into account in determining adjusted current earnings for purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. See TAX MATTERS for a description of certain other federal tax consequences of ownership of the Bonds. Bond Counsel is further of the opinion that the Bonds and the interest thereon are exempt from state, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and local income taxation.

\$210,250,000
COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2009 C
(General Obligation Bonds)

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: July 1, as shown on the inside cover

Interest on the Bonds will accrue from their date of issuance and will be payable semi-annually on each January 1 and July 1, commencing on July 1, 2010. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity as set forth herein.

The Bonds are general obligations of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The good faith, credit and taxing power of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The Constitution of Puerto Rico provides that public debt of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, which includes the Bonds, constitutes a first claim on available Commonwealth of Puerto Rico resources.

The Bonds are issuable as registered bonds without coupons in denominations of \$5,000 and whole multiples thereof and will be initially registered only in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. See “Book Entry Only System” under THE BONDS.

The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued and accepted by the Underwriters, subject to the approval of legality of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Boston, Massachusetts, Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by Fiddler González & Rodríguez, P.S.C., San Juan, Puerto Rico. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC on or about December 16, 2009.

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December 3, 2009

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COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Commonwealth” or “Puerto Rico”), which includes the cover page, the inside cover page, the table of contents and the appendices, provides certain information in connection with the sale of \$210,250,000 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2009 C (the “Bonds”).

The Bonds are being issued under the provisions of Act No. 33 of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, approved on December 7, 1942, as amended (the “Act”), and pursuant to a resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the “Bond Resolution”) adopted in accordance with the Act by the Secretary of the Department of Treasury of the Commonwealth (the “Secretary of the Treasury”) and approved by the Governor of Puerto Rico, Luis G. Fortuño (the “Governor”), on December 3, 2009.

Under the Act, the good faith, credit and taxing power of the Commonwealth are irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The Constitution of Puerto Rico provides that public debt of the Commonwealth, which includes the Bonds, constitutes a first claim on available Commonwealth resources.

This Official Statement incorporates by reference (i) the Commonwealth’s Financial Information and Operating Data Report, dated May 15, 2009 (the “Commonwealth Report”), and (ii) the Commonwealth’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, as amended, prepared by the Department of the Treasury of the Commonwealth (the “Commonwealth’s Annual Financial Report”). The Commonwealth Report and the Commonwealth’s Annual Financial Report have been filed by the Commonwealth with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”) through the Electronic Municipal Market Access System (“EMMA”) (<http://emma.msrb.org>).

The Commonwealth Report includes important operating and financial information about the Commonwealth, including information about its economy, historical revenues and expenditures of its General Fund, the estimated year-end results of fiscal year 2009, the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010, and the debt of the Commonwealth’s public sector, and should be read in its entirety and in connection with the information included under RECENT DEVELOPMENTS herein. The Commonwealth’s Annual Financial Report includes the basic financial statements of the Commonwealth as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, together with the independent auditor’s report thereon, dated August 12, 2009, of KPMG LLP, certified public accountants. KPMG LLP did not audit the financial statements of the Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority’s (“PBA”) capital project fund or The Children’s Trust special revenue fund (major funds), and certain activities, funds and component units separately identified in its report. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to KPMG LLP, and their opinion as to the basic financial statements, insofar as it relates to the amounts included in the basic financial statements pertaining to such activities, funds and component units, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors. The report by KPMG LLP contains an emphasis paragraph for

the adoption of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions*, during the year ended June 30, 2008.

Any appendix of an Official Statement of the Commonwealth or of any instrumentality of the Commonwealth containing any revision to the Commonwealth Report or to the Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report that is filed with the MSRB through EMMA, or any new or revised Commonwealth Report or Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report or other document containing information that modifies or supersedes the information contained in the Commonwealth Report or in the Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report that is filed with the MSRB through EMMA, in each case after the date hereof and prior to the termination of the offering of the Bonds, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Official Statement and to be part of this Official Statement from the date of filing of such document. Any statement contained in the Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Official Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any such subsequently filed document modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement contained in the Commonwealth Report or elsewhere herein shall also be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained in any such subsequently filed document modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Official Statement.

Under its existing continuing disclosure agreements, the Commonwealth is obligated to file on or before May 1 in each year updates of its financial and demographic information through the end of the prior fiscal year, including the Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report. In the recent past, the Commonwealth has been unable, due to accounting rules changes and other reasons (mostly related to delays in receipt of component units' audited financial statements), to file the Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report by the May 1 continuing disclosure update filing deadline. The Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 was not filed prior to the deadline of May 1, 2009 because various component units did not submit their audited financial statements to the central government's external auditors on time. Finally, the Commonwealth Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, was filed after the Commonwealth's filing deadline of May 1, 2009.

The Commonwealth will provide without charge to any person to whom this Official Statement is delivered, on the written or oral request of such person, a copy of the Commonwealth Report or the Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report incorporated herein by reference. Requests should be directed to Executive Vice President, Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico, P.O. Box 42001, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00940, telephone number (787) 722-7060.

A copy of the Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report and the Commonwealth Report may also be obtained by visiting the Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico's (the "Government Development Bank" or the "Bank") website at www.gdbpr.com. No additional information on Government Development Bank's website is deemed to be part of or incorporated by reference in this Official Statement.

OVERVIEW

Puerto Rico is located approximately 1,600 miles southeast of New York City. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, its population was 3,808,610 in 2000 (3,954,037 as of July 1, 2008 according to the most recent U.S. Census Bureau estimate).

The United States and the Commonwealth share a common defense, market, currency and citizenship. The Commonwealth exercises virtually the same control over its internal affairs as do the 50 states. It differs from the states, however, in its relationship with the federal government. The people of Puerto Rico are citizens of the United States but do not vote in national elections. They are represented in Congress by a Resident Commissioner that has a voice in the House of Representatives but no vote (except in House committees and sub-committees to which he belongs). Most federal taxes, except those such as Social Security taxes, are not levied in Puerto Rico. No federal income tax is collected from Puerto Rico residents on income earned in Puerto Rico, except for certain federal employees who are subject to taxes on their salaries. Income earned by Puerto Rico residents from sources outside of Puerto Rico, however, is subject to federal income tax.

The official languages of Puerto Rico are Spanish and English.

Puerto Rico has a diversified economy with manufacturing and services comprising its dominant sectors. Puerto Rico's economy is closely linked to the United States economy. In fiscal year 2008 (which ended on June 30, 2008), the Commonwealth's gross national product (preliminary, in current dollars) was \$60.8 billion, and personal income per capita (preliminary, in current dollars) was \$14,237.

The Constitution of Puerto Rico limits the amount of general obligation debt that the Commonwealth can issue. The Commonwealth's policy has been and continues to be to maintain the level of such debt within a prudent range below the constitutional limitation.

Fiscal responsibility for the Commonwealth is shared among the Department of the Treasury ("Treasury Department"), the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") and Government Development Bank. The Treasury Department is responsible for collecting most of the Commonwealth's revenues, overseeing preparation of its financial statements and contributing to the preparation of the budget. OMB prepares the Commonwealth's budget and is responsible for monitoring expenditures. Government Development Bank is the fiscal agent and financial advisor to the Commonwealth and its agencies, public corporations and municipalities and coordinates the management of public finances.

Additional information about the Commonwealth can be found in the Commonwealth Report, including information about the economy, historical revenues and expenditures of the Commonwealth's General Fund, the estimated year-end results of fiscal year 2009, the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010, and the debt of the Commonwealth's public sector. The Commonwealth Report should be read in its entirety.

THE BONDS

General

The Bonds will be dated, bear interest at such rates, be payable at such times, and mature on the dates and in the principal amounts set forth on the cover and inside cover page of this Official Statement. The Bonds are subject to redemption at the times and at the prices set forth below in “Redemption.” Banco Popular de Puerto Rico will serve as paying agent and registrar (the “Registrar”) for the Bonds.

Book-Entry Only System

Appendix II to this Official Statement contains information concerning DTC and DTC’s book-entry only system. The information contained in *Appendix II* to this Official Statement has been obtained from sources that the Commonwealth believes to be reliable, but the Commonwealth takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

The Commonwealth cannot and does not give any assurances that DTC, DTC Direct or Indirect Participants will distribute to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds: (i) payments of principal and interest payments (including redemption payments) with respect to the Bonds; (ii) confirmation of ownership interest in the Bonds; or (iii) notices sent to DTC or Cede & Co., its nominee, as the registered owner of the Bonds, or that they will do so on a timely basis, or that DTC or the DTC Participants will serve and act in the manner described in this Official Statement.

Neither the Commonwealth nor the Registrar or any agent of the Commonwealth or the Registrar will have any responsibility or obligations to DTC, the DTC Participants, or the Beneficial Owners with respect to: (i) the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or any DTC Participants; (ii) the payment by DTC or any DTC Participants of any amount due to any Beneficial Owner in respect of principal and interest payments (including redemption payments) on the Bonds; (iii) the delivery by DTC or any DTC Participants of any notice to any Beneficial Owner that is required or permitted to be given to owners under the terms of the Bonds; or (iv) any consent given or other action taken by DTC as registered owner of the Bonds. See *Appendix II - Book-Entry Only System*.

Authorization

Section 2 of Article VI of the Constitution of the Commonwealth provides that the power of the Commonwealth to contract and to authorize the contracting of debts shall be exercised as determined by the Legislative Assembly. Pursuant to this power, the Legislative Assembly enacted the Act, which authorizes the Secretary to issue the Bonds pursuant to one or more resolutions adopted by the Secretary and approved by the Governor. In accordance with the Act, the Secretary adopted and the Governor approved the Bond Resolution.

Redemption

Optional Redemption. At the option of the Secretary of the Treasury and upon at least 30 days’ notice, the Bonds are subject to redemption, from any moneys that may be available for that purpose (other than from moneys set aside in respect of an amortization requirement), prior to maturity, commencing on July 1, 2019, either in whole or in part, on any date, at a redemption price of par, plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

If less than all the Bonds of any maturity are called for redemption, the particular Bonds so called for redemption shall be selected by the Registrar by such method as it deems fair and appropriate, except that so long as the book-entry only system shall remain in effect, in the event of any such partial redemption, DTC shall reduce the credit balances of the applicable DTC Participants in respect of the Bonds and such DTC Participants shall in turn select those Beneficial Owners whose ownership interests are to be extinguished by such partial redemption, each by such method as DTC or such DTC Participant, as the case may be, in its sole discretion, deems fair and appropriate.

Security

Provision for Payment of Public Debt

The Act provides that the good faith, credit and taxing power of the Commonwealth are irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds issued under the provisions of the Act. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed under the Act to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable from any funds available for such purpose at the Treasury Department in the fiscal year in which such payment is due. The Act provides that the provisions contained therein with respect to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be considered to be a continuous appropriation for the Secretary of the Treasury to make such payments, even though no specific appropriations are made for such purposes. The payments under the Act are required to be made pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth that regulate the disbursement of public funds.

The Constitution of Puerto Rico provides that public debt of the Commonwealth will constitute a first claim on available Commonwealth resources. Public debt includes general obligation bonds and notes of the Commonwealth and any payments required to be made by the Commonwealth under its guarantees of bonds and notes issued by its public instrumentalities.

The Commonwealth has allocated certain motor vehicle fuel taxes, crude oil and derivative products excise taxes and license fees to Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (the “Highways Authority”). The amounts so allocated, however, are subject to first being applied to payment of the principal of and interest on the Commonwealth public debt, but only if and to the extent that all other available revenues of the Commonwealth are insufficient for that purpose. The Commonwealth has never had to apply such amounts to the payment of its public debt.

Since fiscal year 1989, the Commonwealth has pledged to Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority certain federal excise taxes imposed on alcoholic beverages and tobacco products produced in Puerto Rico and sold in the United States, which taxes are returned to the Commonwealth. The amounts so pledged, however, are subject to first being applied to payment of the principal of and interest on the Commonwealth public debt, but only if and to the extent that all other available revenues of the Commonwealth are insufficient for that purpose. The Commonwealth has never had to apply such amounts to the payment of its public debt.

Act No. 91 allocated a portion of the Commonwealth sales and use tax to pay debt service the bonds issued by COFINA for the purpose of, among other things, paying or financing certain obligations of the Commonwealth, paying or financing a portion of the Commonwealth’s operational expenses, and funding the Puerto Rico Economic Stimulus Fund,

the Commonwealth Emergency Fund and the Economic Cooperation and Public Employees Alternatives Fund. Act No. 91 provides that the Dedicated Sales Tax Fund created by Act No. 91, the funds on deposit therein and Commonwealth the sales and use tax pledged to COFINA do not constitute “available resources” of the Commonwealth for purposes of Section 2 and Section 8 of Article VI of the Constitution of Puerto Rico and are not available for use by the Secretary. As a result, the portion of the Commonwealth sales and use tax allocated to COFINA is not available for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds.

The Constitution expressly empowers a holder of bonds and notes evidencing public debt to bring suit against the Secretary to require application of available resources, including surplus, to the payment of principal of and interest on public debt when due.

Special Fund for the Bonds (General Obligation) Debt Service

Act No. 83 of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, approved on August 30, 1991, as amended, provides for the levy of an annual special tax of 1.03% of the assessed value of all real and personal property not exempt from taxation. The proceeds of said tax are credited to the Commonwealth Debt Redemption Fund (the “Redemption Fund”), for application to the payment of general obligation bonds and notes of the Commonwealth.

Act No. 39 of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, approved on May 13, 1976, as amended (“Act No. 39”), requires the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer each month from available funds of the Commonwealth to the Redemption Fund such amounts which, together with certain other funds deposited therein, will be equal to the sum of one-sixth of the interest to be paid in the next six months and one-twelfth of the principal to be paid or required to be amortized within the next twelve months on all bonds and notes of the Commonwealth for which its full faith and credit are pledged as the same become due and all bonds and notes of the Commonwealth for which the guaranty of the Commonwealth has been exercised. Moneys in the Redemption Fund are held in trust by Government Development Bank. Act No. 39 provides that the obligation of the Secretary of the Treasury to make the above transfers is cumulative, and the amount of any deficiency in any month shall be added to the amount of transfers required in future months until such deficiency has been fully paid.

Act No. 39 expressly relates to direct obligations of the Commonwealth. It does not apply to the payment of bonds and other obligations of public corporations guaranteed by the Commonwealth issued after the date of its adoption.

Payment Record

The Commonwealth has never defaulted on the payment of principal of or interest on any of its debt.

Debt Limitation

Section 2 of Article VI of the Constitution of the Commonwealth provides that direct obligations of the Commonwealth evidenced by full faith and credit bonds or notes shall not be issued if the amount of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes and on all such bonds and notes theretofore issued that is payable in any fiscal year, together with any amount paid by the Commonwealth in the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year of such proposed issuance on account of bonds or notes guaranteed by the Commonwealth, exceed 15% of the average annual revenues

raised under the provisions of Commonwealth legislation and deposited into the Treasury Department (hereinafter “internal revenues”) in the two fiscal years preceding the fiscal year of such proposed issuance. Section 2 of Article VI does not limit the amount of debt that the Commonwealth may guarantee so long as the 15% limitation is not exceeded through payments by the Commonwealth on such guaranteed debt. Internal revenues consist principally of income taxes, property taxes, sales taxes and excise taxes. Certain revenues, such as federal excise taxes on offshore shipments of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products and customs duties, which are collected by the United States Government and returned to the Treasury Department and motor vehicle fuel taxes and license fees, which are allocated to the Highways Authority, are not included as internal revenues for the purpose of calculating the debt limit, although they may be available for the payment of debt service. In addition, the portion of the sales and use tax allocated to COFINA is also not included as internal revenues consistent with the legislation creating COFINA, which legislation transfers ownership of such portion of the sales and use tax to COFINA and provides that such portion is not “available resources” under the Constitutional provisions relating to the Bonds.

All or a portion of the proceeds of certain refunding bonds issued by the Commonwealth were invested in guaranteed investment contracts or federal agency securities (in each case rated in the highest category by Moody’s and S&P), none of which is eligible to be used for a legal defeasance under Puerto Rico law (“non-eligible investments”). Since bonds refunded with proceeds of non-eligible investments are not legally defeased, such bonds are treated as outstanding for purposes of the 15% debt limitation.

Joint Resolution No. 2104 of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, approved on September 30, 2004 (“Joint Resolution No. 2104”), authorized the Commonwealth to enter into interest rate exchange agreements with respect to the Commonwealth’s \$447,875,000 Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2004B (the “Series 2004B Bonds”), which were issued as variable rate bonds. Joint Resolution No. 2104 allows the Commonwealth to calculate the constitutional debt limitation using (i) the fixed rate it is required to pay under any interest rate exchange agreement entered into by the Commonwealth in connection with the Series 2004B Bonds, and (ii) the lesser of (A) the maximum interest rate allowed by law, and (B) the maximum interest rate set forth in the resolution approving the bonds, if any, in connection with the Commonwealth’s \$279,240,000 Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2004A (the “Series 2004A Bonds”) and any Series 2004B Bonds for which no interest rate exchange agreement is executed. In November 2004, the Commonwealth entered into two interest rate exchange agreements with respect to the Series 2004B Bonds.

Act No. 39 of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, approved on August 1, 2005, as amended (“Act No. 39 of 2005”) authorizes the Commonwealth to enter into interest rate exchange agreements with respect to its general obligation bonds, subject to certain conditions, including that the agreements are entered into to reduce certain financial risks associated with issuing variable rate obligations. The Secretary is also authorized to pledge the full faith, credit and taxing power of the Commonwealth for the payment of the obligations incurred under such interest rate exchange agreements. In August 2006, the Commonwealth issued its \$500,000,000 Public Improvement Bonds of 2006, Series A, a portion of which bonds bear interest at a rate that will change periodically based on changes in the United States consumer price index, and in connection with such consumer price index floating rate bonds (said portion, the “2006 CPI Bonds”) entered into an interest rate exchange agreement, the effect of which will economically enable the Commonwealth to pay a fixed rate of interest in respect thereof. In August and September 2006, the Commonwealth entered into interest rate exchange agreements, the effect of which will economically enable the Commonwealth to pay a fixed rate of interest in respect of a portion of the Commonwealth’s

outstanding \$1,018,245,000 Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2003C (said portion, the “2003C Swap Bonds”) and whose payments commenced on July 1, 2008, the end of an initial fixed rate period on the 2003C Swap Bonds. In October 2007, the Commonwealth issued its \$926,570,000 Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2007 A, a portion of which bonds bear interest at a variable rate and, in connection with said bonds (said portion, the “2007 Swap Bonds”) entered into an interest rate exchange agreement, the effect of which will economically enable the Commonwealth to pay a fixed rate of interest in respect thereof. In May 2008, the Commonwealth issued its \$173,975,000 Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2008B (the “2008 Swap Bonds”), which bear interest at a variable rate, for the purpose of refunding a portion of the Series 2004B Bonds, and, in connection therewith, continued the swap related to such refunded Series 2004B Bonds. Act No. 39 of 2005 allows the Commonwealth to calculate the constitutional debt limit in a manner identical to that utilized in Joint Resolution No. 2104. In addition, the Commonwealth has also executed under the authority granted in Act No. 39 of 2005, interest rate exchange agreements in which the Commonwealth is making payments (1) on \$1,698,370,000 notional amount of public improvement bonds based on a short-term interest rate index published by Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (“SIFMA”) and is receiving from its counterparties payments on the same notional amount based on the published three-month London Interbank Offered Rate index (the “basis swap”) and (2) on \$850,000,000 notional amount of public improvement bonds based on the published short-term SIFMA municipal swap rate and is receiving from its counterparties payments on the same notional amount based on a published index of municipal bonds having a maturity of 10 years (the “constant maturity swap”).

After giving effect to the issuance of the Bonds, future maximum annual debt service for the Commonwealth’s outstanding general obligation debt is \$984,688,996 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 (based on the assumption that (i) the bonds refunded with non-eligible investments are treated as being outstanding, (ii) the Series 2004A Bonds bear interest at their actual rate per annum through July 1, 2012 and thereafter at 12% per annum, (iii) the outstanding 2003C Swap Bonds, Series 2004B Bonds, 2006 CPI Bonds, 2007 Swap Bonds and the 2008 Swap Bonds, bear interest at 12% per annum and (iv) the public improvement bonds to which the basis swap and the constant maturity swap relate bear interest at their stated interest rates rather than the rates set forth in said swaps). This amount (\$984,688,996) is equal to 12.82% of \$7,679,421,000, which is the average of the adjusted internal revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 and the preliminary adjusted internal revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. If the bonds refunded with non-eligible investments were treated as not being outstanding, and the interest on the outstanding bonds described in items (i) through (iv) above is calculated using the fixed rate paid by the Commonwealth under the interest rate exchange agreements executed in connection with such bonds, the percentage referred to in the preceding sentence would be 10.77%.

Debt service for the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (“PRASA”) guaranteed bonds of approximately \$30 million was paid by PRASA during the last two fiscal years and, thus, is not included in the calculation of the 15% debt limitation. See “Other Public Corporations – Aqueduct and Sewer Authority” under PUBLIC CORPORATIONS in the Commonwealth Report. In the event PRASA is unable to make any portion of the future debt service payments on its guaranteed bonds, the Commonwealth would be required to make such payments under its guarantee from the General Fund and such debt service would, to the extent paid by the Commonwealth, be included in the calculation of the 15% debt limitation.

Maturity Limitation

The Constitution provides that no bonds or notes of the Commonwealth shall mature later than 30 years from their date of issue, except bonds or notes for housing facilities, which shall mature in no more than 40 years.

PUBLIC SECTOR DEBT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Public Sector Debt

The following table presents a summary of the public sector debt of the Commonwealth as of June 30, 2009, as adjusted. The table should be read in conjunction with the information set forth under DEBT in the Commonwealth Report.

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Public Sector Debt* (in millions)

	<u>June 30, 2009</u>	<u>As Adjusted</u>
Direct full faith and credit obligations ⁽¹⁾	\$ 9,006	\$9,511
TRANS line of credit	-	-
Sales Tax debt ⁽²⁾	12,880	12,880
Municipal debt	2,997	2,997
Puerto Rico guaranteed debt ⁽³⁾	4,145	4,145
Debt supported by Puerto Rico appropriations or taxes ⁽⁴⁾	1,455	1,455
Public corporations and agencies	22,496	22,496
Sub-total	<u>\$52,979</u>	<u>\$53,484</u>
Limited obligation/non-recourse debt ⁽⁵⁾	<u>5,435</u>	<u>5,435</u>
Total public sector debt	<u><u>\$58,414</u></u>	<u><u>\$58,919</u></u>

* Totals may not add due to rounding.

(1) Includes general obligation bonds and as adjusted to include the issuance of the Bonds and other general obligation bonds issued since June 30, 2009.

(2) Includes Public Finance Corporation and COFINA bonds.

(3) Consists of \$594.6 million of bonds issued by Aqueduct and Sewer Authority, \$321.2 million of State Revolving Fund Loans incurred under various federal water laws, \$181.9 million of bonds issued by Port of the Americas Authority and \$3.047 billion of Public Buildings Authority bonds (does not include the issuance in July 2009 of \$330,935,000 Government Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series P or in October 2009 of \$152,540,000 Government Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series Q). Excludes \$267 million of Government Development Bank bonds payable from available moneys of Government Development Bank.

(4) Represents bonds and notes payable from the Commonwealth General Fund and Public Improvement Fund.

(5) Includes the following: \$1.4 billion of Children's Trust bonds, which are payable solely from the payments to be received pursuant to the tobacco litigation settlement; \$197 million of Housing Finance Authority bonds, which are payable from Puerto Rico Housing Administration's annual allocation of Public Housing Capital Funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; \$152.7 million of Special Facilities Revenue Bonds issued by Highways Authority, which are payable from net toll revenues collected from the Teodoro Moscoso Bridge; \$155 million of Special Facilities Bonds issued by Ports Authority, which are solely payable from the pledge of certain payments made by a private corporation under a special facilities agreement; \$79.6 million of Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, 2000 Series A (University Plaza Project) issued by Industrial, Tourist, Educational, Medical and Environmental Control Facilities Financing Authority ("AFICA"), which are payable from rent payments made by the University of Puerto Rico; approximately \$82.4 million of bonds issued by AFICA to finance the construction of various government infrastructure projects, which are payable from rent payments made by various government entities; \$2.948 billion of Employees Retirement System Senior Pension Funding Bonds, Series A, B and C, which are payable solely from employer contributions made to the Employees Retirement System by the Commonwealth and its instrumentalities after the issuance of the bonds; \$368.6 million of Housing Finance Authority Subordinate Bonds Series 2008, which are payable from Puerto Rico Housing Administration's annual allocation of Public Housing Capital Funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and \$100 million of Housing Finance Authority Housing Revenue Bonds Series 2008, which principal is payable primarily by the proceeds of a Permanent Loan to be made by the Authority to the Limited liability Co. The interest on the short term bonds will be paid from amounts on deposit in the Bond Debt Service Fund and the Bond Debt Service Reserve Fund which have been funded from the proceeds of the Short Term Bonds and Equity Contribution from the Limited Liability Co. Principal on the Short Term Bonds is payable from the proceeds of the Permanent Loan to be made by the Authority using moneys received as a grant from Department of Housing (DOH).

Source: Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico

Debt Service Requirements for Commonwealth General Obligation Bonds and Certain Guaranteed Debt

The following table presents the debt service requirements for (i) Commonwealth general obligation bonds outstanding on December 16, 2009; (ii) the Bonds; and (iii) total Commonwealth general obligation bonds, adjusted for the issuance of the Bonds. The table excludes debt service on Commonwealth general obligation bonds that have been refunded with the proceeds of refunding bonds invested in non-eligible investments, notwithstanding that such bonds will be considered to be outstanding under their authorizing resolution and for purposes of calculating the Commonwealth's debt limitation. Debt service requirements for each fiscal year, as shown in the following table, include principal and interest due on July 1 immediately following the close of such fiscal year.

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Debt Service Requirements* (in thousands)

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Outstanding Bonds Total Debt Service ⁽¹⁾	The Bonds		Grand Total
		Principal	Interest	
2010	\$ 375,970		\$ 6,833	\$ 382,803
2011	789,185		12,615	801,800
2012	795,923		12,615	808,538
2013	799,004		12,615	811,619
2014	786,528		12,615	799,143
2015	800,603		12,615	813,218
2016	800,457		12,615	813,072
2017	726,136		12,615	738,751
2018	710,217		12,615	722,832
2019	779,081		12,615	791,696
2020	814,197		12,615	826,812
2021	662,093		12,615	674,708
2022	572,050		12,615	584,665
2023	525,149		12,615	537,764
2024	502,112		12,615	514,727
2025	502,237		12,615	514,852
2026	491,846		12,615	504,461
2027	490,163		12,615	502,778
2028	490,854		12,615	503,469
2029	446,408		12,615	459,023
2030	442,788		12,615	455,403
2031	445,125		12,615	457,740
2032	263,884		12,615	276,499
2033	225,925		12,615	238,540
2034	171,898		12,615	184,513
2035	130,398	\$ 37,300	12,615	180,313
2036	130,403	39,535	10,377	180,315
2037	130,400	41,910	8,005	180,315
2038	130,405	44,420	5,490	180,315
2039	130,401	47,085	2,825	180,311
Total	<u>\$15,061,840</u>	<u>\$210,250</u>	<u>\$348,905</u>	<u>\$15,620,996</u>

* Totals may not add due to rounding. Includes the effective fixed rate on certain variable rate general obligation bonds as to which the Commonwealth has entered into interest rate exchange agreements.

⁽¹⁾ In the event PRASA is unable to make any portion of the future debt service payments on its guaranteed bonds, the Commonwealth would be required to make such payments under its guarantees from the General Fund.

Sources: Government Development Bank and Treasury Department

TAX MATTERS

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), includes requirements which the Commonwealth must continue to meet after the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest on the Bonds not be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Commonwealth’s failure to meet these requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to their date of issuance. The Commonwealth has covenanted in the Bond Resolution to comply, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth, with the requirements of the Code in order to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds. Bond Counsel is not aware of any provision of the Constitution or laws of the Commonwealth which would prevent the Commonwealth from complying with the requirements of the Code.

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, subject to continuing compliance by the Commonwealth with the tax covenant referred to above, under the provisions of the Acts of Congress now in force and under existing regulations, rulings and court decisions, interest on the Bonds will not be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds will not be an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations and will not be taken into account in determining adjusted current earnings for purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. Bond Counsel is further of the opinion that the Bonds and the interest thereon are exempt from state, Commonwealth and local income taxation.

Ownership of tax-exempt obligations such as the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, certain foreign corporations, certain S Corporations with excess passive income, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations, and taxpayers who may be eligible for the earned income tax credit.

Ownership of tax-exempt obligations may also result in collateral income tax consequences under Puerto Rico law to financial institutions doing business in Puerto Rico.

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to their specific taxation circumstances and the applicability and impact of any collateral consequences.

Legislation affecting municipal securities is constantly being considered by the United States Congress. There can be no assurance that legislation enacted after the date of issuance of the Bonds will not have an adverse effect on the tax-exempt status of the Bonds. Legislative or regulatory actions and proposals may also affect the economic value of tax exemption or the market price of the Bonds.

LEGAL MATTERS

The proposed form of opinion of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Boston, Massachusetts, Bond Counsel, is set forth in *Appendix I* to this Official Statement. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by Fiddler González & Rodríguez, P.S.C., San Juan, Puerto Rico.

LEGAL INVESTMENT

The Bonds will be eligible for deposit by banks in Puerto Rico to secure public funds and will be approved investments for insurance companies to qualify them to do business in Puerto Rico, as required by law.

UNDERWRITING

The Underwriters have jointly and severally agreed, subject to certain conditions, to purchase the Bonds from the Commonwealth at an aggregate discount of \$1,401,755.01 from the initial offering prices of the Bonds set forth or derived from information set forth on the inside cover hereof. The obligation of the Underwriters to purchase the Bonds is subject to certain conditions precedent, and they will be obligated to purchase all the Bonds if any Bonds are purchased. The Underwriters may offer to sell the Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing the Bonds into unit investment trusts, certain of which may be sponsored or managed by the Underwriters) and others at prices lower than the initial public offering prices. The offering prices may be changed from time to time by the Underwriters.

Popular Securities, Inc, (“Popular”) has entered into a joint venture agreement (the “JV Agreement”) with Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated (“Morgan Stanley”), under which the parties shall provide services and advice to each other related to the structuring and execution of certain municipal finance transactions in the U.S. capital markets with governmental entities located in the Commonwealth. Pursuant to the terms of the JV Agreement and in compliance with applicable rules, the parties will be entitled to receive a portion of each other’s net profits from the underwriting of the Bonds as consideration for their professional services.

Morgan Stanley and Citigroup Inc., the respective parent companies of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., each an underwriter of the Bonds, have entered into a retail brokerage joint venture. As part of the joint venture each of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. will distribute municipal securities to retail investors through the financial advisor network of a new broker-dealer, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC. This distribution arrangement became effective on June 1, 2009. As part of this arrangement, each of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. will compensate Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC for its selling efforts in connection with their respective allocations of Bonds.

Santander Securities Corporation (“SSC”) and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (“Merrill”) have agreed to provide services and advice to each other related to the structuring and execution of the underwriting of the Bonds in accordance with the terms and provisions of a joint venture agreement which was entered into between SSC and Banc of America Securities LLC (“BAS”) (Merrill and BAS are now affiliated broker-dealers). SSC and Merrill will be entitled to receive a portion of each other’s revenues from the underwriting of the Bonds as consideration for their professional services.

Goldman, Sachs & Co. and UBS Financial Services Incorporated of Puerto Rico have agreed to cooperate with respect to structuring and coordinating the marketing and execution of bond offerings in the United States and global capital markets, other than bond issuances offered exclusively in the Puerto Rico market, for the Commonwealth’s governmental entities and other municipal bonds issuers. Compensation with respect to the underwriting of the securities will be allocated between them.

J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. has entered into an agreement with FirstBank Puerto Rico Securities Corp. to assist the Commonwealth, its public corporations, agencies, instrumentalities, and municipalities in structuring and facilitating the issuance of certain municipal securities. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement and in compliance with applicable rules, compensation with respect to the underwriting of such municipal securities will be allocated between the parties.

VERIFICATION OF MATHEMATICAL COMPUTATIONS

Causey Demgen & Moore Inc. will verify from the information provided to them the mathematical accuracy, as of the date of the closing on the Bonds, of the computations to determine that the anticipated receipts from the securities and cash deposits to be held in escrow, will be sufficient to pay the Refunded Interest. Causey Demgen & Moore Inc. will express no opinion on the assumptions provided to them, nor as to the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds.

GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR PUERTO RICO

As required by Act No. 272 of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, approved May 15, 1945, as amended, Government Development Bank has acted as financial advisor to the Commonwealth in connection with the Bonds offered hereby. As financial advisor, Government Development Bank participated in the selection of the Underwriters of the Bonds. Certain of the Underwriters have been selected by Government Development Bank to serve from time to time as underwriters of its obligations and the obligations of the Commonwealth, its instrumentalities and public corporations. Certain of the Underwriters or their affiliates participate in other financial transactions with Government Development Bank.

RATINGS

Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's Rating Services have assigned the Bonds ratings of "Baa3" and "BBB-," respectively. Ratings reflect only the respective views of the rating agencies and an explanation of the significance of each rating may be obtained only from the respective rating agency. Such rating agencies were provided with materials relating to the Commonwealth and the Bonds and other relevant information, and no application has been made to any other rating agency for the purpose of obtaining a rating on the Bonds.

There is no assurance that such ratings will remain in effect for any given period of time or that they will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by either or both of such rating agencies, if in the judgment of either or both, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such ratings, or either of them, may have an adverse effect on the market prices of the Bonds.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12, as amended (the "Rule"), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), the Commonwealth has covenanted in the Bond Resolution for the benefit of the Beneficial Owners (as defined in the Bond Resolution) as follows:

1. to file, within 305 days after the end of each fiscal year commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, with the MSRB through EMMA, core financial information and operating data for the prior fiscal year, including (i) the Commonwealth's audited financial statements, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in effect from time to time, and (ii) material historical quantitative data

- (including financial information and operating data) on the Commonwealth and its revenues, expenditures, financial operations and indebtedness, in each case generally found in this Official Statement; and
2. to file, in a timely manner, with the MSRB through EMMA, notice of any failure of the Commonwealth to comply with paragraph 1 above and of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds, if material:
- a. principal and interest payment delinquencies;
 - b. non-payment related defaults;
 - c. unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
 - d. unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
 - e. substitution of credit or liquidity facility providers, or their failure to perform;
 - f. adverse opinions or events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Bonds;
 - g. modifications to rights of the holders (including Beneficial Owners) of the Bonds;
 - h. bond calls;
 - i. defeasances;
 - j. release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds; and
 - k. rating changes.

Event (c) is included pursuant to a letter from the SEC staff to the National Association of Bond Lawyers, dated September 19, 1995. However, event (c) may not be applicable, since the terms of the Bonds do not provide for “debt service reserves.” In addition, with respect to the following events:

Events (d) and (e). The Commonwealth does not undertake to provide any notice with respect to credit enhancement added after the primary offering of the Bonds, unless the Commonwealth applies for or participates in obtaining the enhancement.

Event (f). For information on the tax status of the Bonds, see TAX MATTERS.

Event (h). The Commonwealth does not undertake to provide the above-described event notice of a mandatory scheduled redemption, not otherwise contingent upon the occurrence of an event, if the terms, dates and amounts of redemption are set forth in detail in this Official Statement under “Redemption” in THE BONDS, the only open issue is which Bonds will be redeemed in the case of a partial redemption, notice of redemption is given to the Bondholders as required under the terms of the Bonds, and public notice of the redemption is given pursuant to Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Release No. 34-23856 of the SEC, even if the originally scheduled amounts are reduced by prior optional redemptions or purchases of Bonds.

The Commonwealth expects to provide the information described in paragraph 1 above by filing its first bond official statement that includes such information for the preceding fiscal year or, if no such official statement is issued by the 305-day deadline, by filing a separate document containing such information.

The Commonwealth has made similar continuing disclosure covenants in connection with prior bond issuances, and has complied with all such covenants, except as hereinafter noted. The Commonwealth’s audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002 were filed after the Commonwealth’s filing deadline of May 1, 2003 because of delays in finalizing such financial statements resulting from the implementation of GASB Statement No. 34 (“GASB 34”). The

Commonwealth's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003 were also filed after the Commonwealth's filing deadline of April 30, 2004, because of delays in finalizing the financial statements of certain of the Commonwealth's reporting units due to the implementation of GASB 34. The Commonwealth's audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008 were also filed after the Commonwealth's respective filing deadlines of May 1, 2005, 2007, 2008 and 2009, because various governmental agencies did not submit their audited financial statements to the central government's external auditors on time, thereby delaying submission of the Commonwealth's audited financial statements. Finally, the Commonwealth Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 containing the information described in paragraph 1 above, was filed after the Commonwealth's filing deadline of May 1, 2009.

As of the date of this Official Statement, there is no Commonwealth information repository. All continuing disclosure filing must be made with the MSRB through EMMA.

The Commonwealth may from time to time choose to provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events in addition to those listed above if, in the judgment of the Commonwealth, such other events are material with respect to the Bonds, but the Commonwealth does not undertake to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any material event except those events listed above.

The Commonwealth acknowledges that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule described above is intended to be for the benefit of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, and shall be enforceable by any such Beneficial Owners; provided that the right to enforce the provisions of its undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement of the Commonwealth's obligations thereunder.

No Beneficial Owner may institute any suit, action or proceeding at law or in equity ("Proceeding") for the enforcement of the foregoing covenants (the "Covenants") or for any remedy for breach thereof, unless such Beneficial Owner shall have filed with the Commonwealth written notice of any request to cure such breach, and the Commonwealth shall have refused to comply within a reasonable time. All Proceedings shall be instituted only in a Commonwealth court located in the Municipality of San Juan, Puerto Rico for the equal benefit of all Beneficial Owners of the outstanding Bonds benefited by the Covenants, and no remedy shall be sought or granted other than specific performance of any of the Covenants at issue. Moreover, Proceedings filed by Beneficial Owners against the Commonwealth may be subject to the sovereign immunity provisions of Section 2 and 2A of Act No. 104, approved June 29, 1955, as amended, which governs the scope of legal actions against the Commonwealth, substantially limits the amount of monetary damages that may be awarded against the Commonwealth and provides certain notice provisions, the failure to comply with which may further limit any recovery.

The Covenants may only be amended if

(1) the amendment is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of the Commonwealth, or type of business conducted; the Covenants, as amended, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of award of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or change in circumstances; and the amendment does not materially impair the interest of Beneficial Owners, as determined by persons unaffiliated with the Commonwealth; or

(2) all or any part of the Rule, as interpreted by the staff of the SEC at the date of the adoption of such Rule, ceases to be in effect for any reason, and the Commonwealth elects that the Covenants shall be deemed amended accordingly.

The Commonwealth has further agreed that the annual financial information containing any amended operating data or financial information will explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the amendment and the impact of the change in the type of operating data or financial information being provided.

Any assertion of beneficial ownership must be filed, with full documentary support, as part of the written request described above.

MISCELLANEOUS

The foregoing summaries of or references to the Act, the Bonds, the Bond Resolution and the summaries of or references to the various acts contained in the Commonwealth Report, are made subject to all the detailed provisions thereof to which reference is hereby made for further information and do not purport to be complete statements of any or all of such provisions.

Appended to and constituting a part of this Official Statement are the proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel (*Appendix I*), a description of the Book-Entry System (*Appendix II*), and a list of Bonds with Refunded Interest (*Appendix III*).

The information set forth in this Official Statement and incorporated herein by reference, except for information pertaining to DTC, and the information appearing in UNDERWRITING, was supplied by certain officials of the Commonwealth or certain of its agencies or instrumentalities, in their respective official capacities, or was obtained from publications of the Commonwealth or certain of its agencies or instrumentalities, and is included or incorporated by reference in this Official Statement on the authority of such officials or the authority of such publications as public official documents. The information pertaining to DTC was supplied by DTC.

This Official Statement will be filed with the MSRB through EMMA.

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

By: /s/ Juan C. Puig
Secretary of the Treasury

APPENDIX I

PROPOSED FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL



[Closing Date]

Secretary of the Treasury of the
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
Department of the Treasury
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Re: \$210,250,000 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Public Improvement Refunding Bonds,
Series 2009 C (General Obligation Bonds)

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We have acted as bond counsel to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in connection with the issuance of the above-captioned bonds, dated the date of delivery thereof (the “Bonds”). In such capacity we have examined Act No. 33 of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, approved December 7, 1942, as amended (the “Act”), such other law and such certified proceedings and other documents as we have deemed necessary to render this opinion, including a resolution adopted by the Secretary of the Treasury of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Secretary”) and approved by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Resolution”). We also have examined one of the Bonds as executed and authenticated.

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Act and the Resolution. The Bonds mature on July 1 of the years and in such principal amounts and bearing interest at the rates, all as set forth in the Resolution. The Bonds are issuable as registered Bonds without coupons in the manner and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Resolution.

Regarding questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied on representations of the Secretary contained in the Resolution, and the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and others furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

Based on the foregoing, we are of opinion that, under existing law:

1. The Act is valid.
2. Said proceedings have been validly and legally taken.
3. The Act and such proceedings and certifications show lawful authority for the issuance and sale of the Bonds, and the Bonds constitute valid and binding general obligations of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for the payment of the principal of and the interest on the

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Bonds, to which the good faith, credit and taxing power of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are pledged.

4. Under the provisions of the Acts of Congress now in force and under existing regulations, rulings and court decisions, (i) subject to compliance with the covenant referred to below and requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and the Resolution regarding the use, expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds and the timely payment of certain investment earnings to the Treasury of the United States, if required, interest on the Bonds is not includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, and (ii) the Bonds and the interest thereon are exempt from state, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and local income taxation.

Interest on the Bonds will not be an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations. However, interest on the Bonds will be taken into account in determining adjusted current earnings for purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. The Code contains other provisions that could result in tax consequences, upon which we express no opinion, as a result of (i) ownership of Bonds, or (ii) the inclusion in certain computations of interest that is excluded from gross income.

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has covenanted to comply with the requirements of the Code, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, so that interest on the Bonds will remain exempt from federal income taxes to which it is not subject on the date of issuance of the Bonds. We are not aware of any provisions of the Constitution or laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico which would prevent the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico from complying with the requirements of the Code.

The opinions expressed herein are for the benefit of the addressees only and may not be quoted, circulated, assigned or delivered to any other person or for any other purpose without our prior written consent. The opinions expressed herein are based on an analysis of existing laws, including regulations, rulings, official interpretations of law issued by the United States Internal Revenue Service, and court decisions on or prior to the date hereof. Such opinions may be adversely affected by actions taken or events occurring, including a change in law, regulation or ruling (or in the application or official interpretation of any law, regulation or ruling) after the date hereof. We have not undertaken to determine, or to inform any person, whether such actions are taken or such events occur, and we have no obligation to update this opinion in light of such actions or events.

Respectfully submitted,

Greenberg Traurig, LLP